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PATENT APPLICATION



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)

TAKEHIKO SUZUKI, ET AL.)

Appln. No.: Unassigned)

(Continuation of Appln. No.)

08/521,835, filed August 31, 1995))

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 and to the copending applications listed below. Except as below noted, these documents were cited in parent Application No. 08/521,835, filed August 31, 1995. The parent application was allowed and the Issue Fee was paid on May 30, 2000.

Copending Applications

<u>Appln. No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Group Art Unit</u>	<u>Status</u>
08/127,593	9/28/93	2105	Abandoned (filed continuation application Application Number 08/659,774 on May 3, 1996. See * below for status).

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.98(d) copies of the unissued copending application are not provided herewith.

The following commonly assigned-applications were cited using the below listed application numbers during prosecution of the parent application of the subject application, and have issued as patents, as follows:

<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Issued</u>
*08/659,774	5,678,130	10/14/97
08/168,123	5,521,683	5/28/96
08/426,836	5,600,423	2/4/97

The patents also are listed on the Form PTO 1449.

Except as noted below, Applicants are not providing copies of the documents cited on the Form PTO-1449. The Examiner is referred to the documents cited and placed in the official file of the parent application. However, copies of the above-listed three patents are provided for the Examiner's convenience since they were not cited by patent number and copies of these patents will not be in the official file of the parent application. If the Examiner so

wishes, Applicants' undersigned representative will be pleased to provide copies of the other cited documents.

FEE/STATEMENT

No fee or statement is required in connection with this Information Disclosure Statement, since it is being submitted prior to issuance of a first official action on the merits in the above-captioned application.

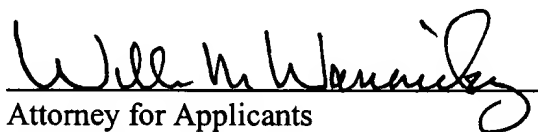
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be considered by the Examiner and that an initialed copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

Favorable consideration hereof is earnestly solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
		202493	7/1994	Japan			Yes (Partial)
		35125	2/1993	Japan			Yes(Partial)
OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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